

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2015  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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**Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT: Commissioner Baird, Blythe, Morgan, Newby and Mayor Barnes  
ALSO PRESENT: Richard Thomas; Interim City Manager, Lisa Cassity; City Clerk, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentations:**

- 1) Tyler Howard- Junior Boy World Horseshoe Champion

**Executive Session- KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel at 6:10 p.m.**

(Conference Room)

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Out of Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Back into Regular Session at 6:30 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	

Commissioner Baird	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Mayor Barnes	x

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on July 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on July 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
- 3) Special Called Meeting on August 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 15-14:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Annexing 3.420 Acres of Land Adjacent to the City Limits- 100 Industrial Drive.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**Ordinance 15-15:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Establishing Sanctions for the Unlawful Use of Single-Family Residences in R-1 Zoning Districts.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe stated that he appreciated different views from the community, but hoped that everyone understood what the city hopes to achieve with this ordinance. He added that he did have reservations about it and hoped that the city never gets that far into the process to enforce.

Mayor questioned if the Board of Adjustments could grant a conditional use. Mr. Fowles responded no.

Commissioner Morgan questioned how the city would identify these homes. Mr. Fowles responded only the properties that have repeated citations issued.

Commissioner Blythe questioned if the Ordinance was complaint driven. Mr. Fowles responded yes and citizens can file those complaints with the Codes Department.

**Ordinance 15-16:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to a Public Nuisance.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

Commissioner Blythe stated that he had concerns on the enforcement and fines. He added that there are a lot of rumors that aren't founded and hoped to cut down the conversations.

Commissioner Morgan questioned if Mr. Fowles had an opportunity to speak with the County Attorney's office in regards to this ordinance.

**Order 15-97:** An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Abandonment of an Employee.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 15-98:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Consent to Transfer Control from Time Warner Cable Midwest LLC to Charter Communications Along with its Subsidiary CCG I, LLC (New Charter).

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 15-99:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	

Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Baird	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Mayor Barnes	x

**Order 15-100:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a Police Major Job Description for the City.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Baird	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Mayor Barnes	x

**Order 15-101:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Seasonal Worker for Parks Building and Grounds Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Baird	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Mayor Barnes	x

**Order 15-102:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Finance Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Baird	x
Mayor Barnes	x

**Order 15-103:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adjusting an Employee Status within the Golf Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 15-104:** An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Terminating the Employment of a City Employee.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 15-105:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Administration Department.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 15-106:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a Grant Compliance/ Disbursements Job Description for the City.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 15-107:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a Revised Promotions Policy for the Richmond Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan  
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Mayor Barnes asked the City Clerk to read the changes in this policy. Chief Brock followed up with questions that the commission had about the policy.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 15-108:** An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Accepting the Resignation of the City Manager.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

### **Public Comments**

#### **1. Tom Pyzik- Southland Drive**

Mr. Pyzik requested the following issues be addressed:

1. Lack of signage on Southland Drive
2. Speeding and citizens using his street as a cut thru on Southland Drive
3. Reckless driving on Southland Drive.

He asked the Commission to place more signs identifying Southland, and return the street to dead end to eliminate the cut through traffic or place speed bumps on the street.

Mr. Thomas responded that he would place signage on the street, however would not place speed bumps. Mayor Barnes added that the state has regulations on speed bumps and humps and doesn't see that as a option.

#### **2. Ruth Murphy- citizen**

Ms. Murphy explained that she herself uses Southland Drive as a cut through but is always careful and doesn't speed. She added that she felt sorry for Mr. Pyzik's situation.

#### **3. Rodney Davis- citizen**

Mr. Davis spoke in opposition of Ordinance 15-15 and 15-16. He stated that this ordinance was unconstitutional to impose criminal fines on the property owners. He advised the Commission if this gets adopted to expect litigation.

Continued discussion Mr. Davis and Commission

#### **4. Rodney Cain- Rental Property Owner**

Mr. Cain spoke in opposition of Ordinance 15-15 and 15-16. He stated that all his properties were zoned in a R3 which is multi-family, however doesn't believe the citizen should charge the property owners with a misdemeanor.

#### **5. Ruth Murphy- Rental Property Owner**

Ms. Murphy explained that she does have rental property in a R1 zone but only rents to families but aren't married. She questioned if these ordinances would still apply to her properties.

#### **Departmental Reports**

None

#### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

**1. Storm water-** Mr. Thomas noted that the Commission has met recently twice to discuss the storm water issues and possible user fee established. Mr. Thomas questioned the Commission is he could move forward on establishing a fee structure and how it will apply and bring it back to the Commission.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this discussion could be moved to a Workshop meeting. He understood that homes are flooding and that we need to proceed with projects, however felt that the \$2.10 meter fee from Richmond Utilities should be earmarked just for storm water projects.

Mr. Thomas expressed that the current funds earmarked for storm water is still no enough to complete the 26 estimated projects that are currently on the list that needs to be addressed. He added that these type projects aren't usually covered in grants but the city will make every effort to apply for grants.

Commissioner Blythe questioned what the next step is in this process. Mayor responded that we'll need to adopt an Ordinance for a storm water fee estimated at \$3.75 - \$4.20 range. Not all aspects have been looked into as to how it will be established or collected.

Commissioner Morgan expressed that Richmond is beginning to lose "It's Bargain". He added that so many people move to Richmond because the cost of living expenses are affordable and would act on this fee with caution.

Mr. Thomas questioned the Commission if he could move forward with the research that is still needed before an Ordinance is presented.

Commissioner Morgan responded that he's not saying no or yes but reminded the Commission that the city has 15 million dollars in the bank.

Mayor Barnes asked the Commission to think progressively and that our citizens expect services to work in the city. He stated that he understood that no one wants a tax, but the federal government is placing fines upon cities that aren't addressing their infrastructure and storm water. He reminded the Commission that the City of Lexington has been fined millions of dollars for not addressing these same type projects.

Mr. Thomas reminded the Commission that Richmond has been designated as a MS4 permit city.

**2. Branding/Logo-** Mr. Thomas questioned the Commission where the city was going with this project.

Mayor Barnes stated that when he was with President Benson the other day they discussed this company Bullhorn because ECU is using them to rebrand the university. Mayor added that the company approached the city about branding and he felt it was time for a progressive look & feel for Richmond. He added that he felt this project would unify the city and work as a team.

Commissioner Blythe questioned if the city had requested any quotes from other companies.

Mayor Barnes added that the City is not obligated to bid out this project as its under professional services.

Commissioner Baird questioned if there was anyone in the City that could do this project.

Will Jones- Bullhorn Marketing, addressed the commission in regards to the proposed project and explained that they are also conducting work for Eastern.

**3. Paradise Cove-** Mr. Thomas informed the community that now that school is back in session for Madison County, the pool will only be open on the weekends.

### **Commissioner Reports**

#### **Commissioner Newby**

No report

#### **Commissioner Baird**

1. Announced that a citizen complimented on how well the restrooms looked at Lake Reba Park and also she commended Joe Bentley and his staff.

#### **Commissioner Blythe**



1. Invited the public to the Faith Task Force Appreciation dinner and program on August 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm at Central Bank, Main Street branch.

**Commissioner Morgan**

1. Planning & Zoning Commission notes that were in the packet in regards to the annexation he read a section on a discussion on the Comprehensive Plan for Downtown. He asked Mr. Fowles what was the context of this conversation.

Mr. Fowles responded that the Commission recently attended a training that encouraged the Commission to take a section each year of the Comprehensive Plan and address it.

Mr. Thomas responded that the Comprehensive Plan has been reviewed and the section chosen for this year is Keeneland Drive Industry to Business zone.

2. Announced that he attended the Fiscal Court meeting this morning where Sheriff Coyle spoke on suspected drug related crimes and encouraged the citizens to call 624-1714 to report these.

3. He wished all the Madison County students a great school year.

**Mayor Barnes**

1. Water Street Update- Announced that the water lines would be connected this week. He apologized to the public and businesses for the inconveniences this project has caused, but ensured everyone that this would eliminate all flooding on Water Street!

**Adjournment: 8:17 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk